

## TYPHUS TAKES TOLL IN SERBIA; DEAD REMOVED BY WAGON LOADS



Wagon loads of typhus victims.

Typhus is making horrible ravages among the soldiers and civilian population of Serbia. The death rate is frightful and ox-carts loaded with four or five coffins apiece form a continuous funeral procession through the somber streets leading to the burial ground.

### COLONY OF THE INSANE.

A Belgian City Where They Are Well Cared For.

Gheel is a town of 10,000 inhabitants in the Belgian province of Limburg, not far from the Dutch frontier. It is famous for its colony of insane people who enjoy absolute freedom, instead of being locked up in asylums as in other countries. At Gheel and in the neighboring villages about 1,200 mentally unsound people live with the inhabitants, who, ever since the thirteenth century, have been accustomed to receive and take good care of them. The town and villages are divided into five districts, each of which is under the supervision of a doctor, who reports to the central administration of the colony. Most of the insane cared for at Gheel are of Dutch origin, Hollanders thinking well of the free colony plan. Belgians do not appreciate this system and still prefer asylums. There are two classes of patients—the well-to-do, who are supported by their own families and who pay for their board, and the poor who live on farms and whose maintenance is provided for by their home communities.

One thing to be admired at Gheel is the kindness of the inhabitants toward those unfortunate creatures, who idle all day long in the streets or remain at home looking with unseeing eyes through the windows. You here meet people who talk to themselves, generals who command imaginary armies, and politicians and diplomats displaying fantastic decorations. Nobody laughs at them. They are all known in the town. They even go to the cafe and order drinks like anybody else, and, strange to say, are served. I was astonished to see two insane men enjoy their glass of Schiedam—not the best remedy in the world for brain trouble—but the bartender explained that persons of this kind were served with a special brand of liquor diluted with water.

Under no circumstances are the people allowed to punish their boarders. If these become unruly, the central administration must be notified. Special servants are sent, who take the patients to the infirmary, where they are treated and kept under observation. When they are calm again they are sent back to their former homes, where they are received as if nothing had happened. The Gheel children respect the patients and never tease them. It is interesting and curious to see poor old insane women taking care of small children while the parents are out working in the fields. The women seem to adapt themselves better than the men to the new condition of life. They keep themselves busy with needlework. The men look depressed. They do not work and are never compelled to do so. When they talk they talk politics which, my guide said sarcastically, was evidently a sign of madness in this strange country.

### UNCLE SAM BUYS FALSE TEETH TO GET THE COLD

Old Jewelry, Watches, Combs, Pencils and all Sorts of Things Taken at the Mints.

It is said that nearly every person over 30 years of age has from \$1 to \$100 worth of gold in his or teeth. The statement may be an exaggeration, but certainly the use of gold teeth is quite general. When the wearer dies the gold, in most cases, is buried with him.

or sentimental reasons the relatives shudder at the thought of having the gold removed from the teeth of the deceased. Future generations may not be so squeamish when the gold mines have been exhausted.

However that may be, the United States Government has been buying false teeth if there is a bit of gold about them. Every working day in the year the Government mints buy an enormous amount of gold and silver from persons who bring in all sorts of articles made of precious metal or containing a fair proportion of it. All sorts of things are thus disposed of. The Government buys the gold and silver at actual cost and coins it.

One day recently when motion picture operators visited the Philadelphia mint to see a film showing the making of money they found that the receipts for that day in the way of jewelry, heirlooms, watches, combs, pencil holders, false teeth, etc., called for a cash outlay of \$365,000. That was an extra good day's business. The other mints buy similarly.

### INDIAN WAIF-KING TO ASSEMBLE TRIBE

David Seattle, Grandson of First Chief Seattle, Now Heads Remnants of Snohomish People.

Seattle, Wash.—He is a king of the remnants of a great race now scattered to the winds—David Seattle of the Snohomish tribe. Lean as a wolf was the king, and footsore with far travels, when he entered the office of the Seattle Star, asking that paper to help him in locating his widely dispersed tribesfolk.

Until a few moons ago he did not know he was king, this stolid Indian lad, who had been placed in St. Joseph's School in Tacoma when a baby. He did not remember when he came or who brought him there. On the register he is simply "David Seattle." No hint of royal inheritance appeared to mar his democratic playing and boyish quarreling with school companions. Assertions of kinship would only have served to call for derision from his playmates, who were certain that royal rodeo on magnificent chargers and was heralded with blaring trumpets.

Charlie David Seattle, only living son of Chief Seattle I, waits for death. He is very old and his work is done. There came to him not long ago in Snohomish an Indian of another tribe. "I met one of your people in Seattle," he confided. "His name is like yours—David Seattle."

The old man, strangely excited, came to the city and found David.

"Where?" he asked, "were you born? And who was your father?" "I do not know," said the young Indian. "I was put in St. Joseph's School when a baby." And he told the old patriarch all he knew, which was little enough, though it served.

"It was I who put you there," said Charlie David Seattle. "Your father was dead some time before. I took you from your dead mother's arms. You are the oldest son of the oldest son of Chief Seattle. You are the head of the Snohomish people."

It was thus plain David Seattle learned he was king.

Chief David Seattle has been visiting as many of his people as he has been able to locate. Sometimes he bought railroad tickets. At other times he stole rides on freight trains. And often he walked. He went to Oregon, wandering east of the Cascades, journeying to remote corners of the Olympic Peninsula. Finally he reached the northern end of British Columbia. Wherever he heard of Snohomish Indians, there he went.

"There are," he said, "2,300 of my people left. Of these I have visited 2,000. They were glad to see me." That is why he appealed to the white man's newspaper—to help him find the other 300.

### GREAT GOLD FIELD IS FOUND

Ledges of Ore Half-Mile Wide at Places North of Seward, Alaska.

Ottawa, Ontario—News of the discovery of a great new gold field north of Seward, Alaska, in United States territory, has been brought to the Canadian Government by G. H. Collins, managing director of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, the Canadian Fish Trust of Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

"Advices received by me from A. Wolf and A. H. Tutt," said Collins, "are to the effect that most extraordinary bodies of ore have been found and that the coming season in that part of Alaska will witness the greatest rush ever seen in the Alaska gold fields. The ore occurs in enormous ledges or dykes, ranging in width from 600 feet to half a mile, and some of these deposits have been traced for 18 miles, and no doubt will be found to be a great deal longer when their size has been definitely determined. While the ore is rich in gold and silver, lead and zinc will have to be smelted to extract its value. Assayer Rae of Knik asserts that he has treated many samples from the district, and that 98 per cent saving can be made."

### Carrots and Sour Wine.

In the south of France carrots are being employed as corrigent of its famous sour wines. The carrots are cut in slices, which, strung on cords, are hung into the sour wine. Careful tests show remarkable results of this treatment. A claret, which had already lost 16 per cent of alcohol in this manner and which had an amount of acid (estimated as sulphuric) whose quantity had risen from 3.2 to 10.1, was kept in a wicker bottle and treated with sliced carrots for one month. After that time the acid only amounted to 9.065 grammes, and after another treatment with fresh carrots fell to 8.33 grammes per liter.

In another case the process was successful with white wine, the quantity of acid decreasing from 6.46 grammes to 4.9 grammes in the litre. The wines did not undergo any change in their chemical composition, but acquired a very pleasant sweetish taste, reminding of carrots. Mycoderm mace is not destroyed by the carrots.

### Feather of Quail Does X-Ray Work

While hunting in the Sierra Nevada mountains recently Dr. Barton J. Powell, of Stockton, Cal., met an old Indian who proved to him that an ordinary mountain quail feather held before the eyes serves the same purpose as a powerful X-ray machine. Taking a feather from a quail he was plucking the Indian held it before the doctor's eyes and put his hand up to the light. The bones of the hand were plainly visible through the flesh. The Indian said feathers have been used from time immemorial by his tribesmen as an aid to setting broken bones. He added that any feather produced the X-ray effect to some extent. Dr. Powell has sent to bunch of the quail feathers to California University for experimental purposes.

## ARKANSAS GIANT SHOVS OWN PLOW

When Neighboring Widow is Unable to Procure Teams to Move Her Crops He Helps.

### DOES ALL OWN WORK BY HAND

Jake Becker Harvests Fifty Bushels of Corn to the Acre on Flint Land

Zinc, Ark.—Jake Becker, a German giant living on a farm near here, has again won the record in corn production in this section, has saved a neighboring widow her precious crop of sorghum, is giving his daughter as good an education as the state can provide and is saving mules and lumbermen much effort in the nearby saw-mills.

Jake stands 6 feet 7 inches without his shoes. He weighs 290 pounds, but is not all bone, sinew and muscle. Brains as well as strength he uses in the cultivation of his five acres of land upon which he has this year raised fifty bushels of corn to the acre, despite one of the worst drouths in this section for years.

He does all his work by hand. A small plow, invented by himself, he shoves along with arms and breast, breaking and cultivating land as effectively as a horse-drawn or motor-propelled machine. He also has made many attachable pieces composing all the different plowshare shapes, which met the demands of his work adequately. He farms intensely, but scientifically. He attributes his record crop to shallow cultivation.

Jake's land is on a hillside at a forty-five degree angle. It was originally covered with hard flint rock. He removed this, and three years ago he started to cultivate his ground, now as smooth as a lawn and protected from washouts by carefully built terraces. Besides corn he raises cane and other forage, vegetables and fruit. Farmers with many times the land Jake owns, who scoffed at his determination to make the little farm pay, are netting much less than he from their efforts.

But he does not devote all his time to farming. Among sawmill men he is counted as the best hand in the state because of his strength, and his services are always in demand during winter.

It does not take a full logging crew or an extra mule team when he is "logging." He handles a sixteen-foot log with ease, and loads them onto a wagon as most other men do with two by fours.

A widow on Crooked Creek had her crop of sorghum—her living—ready for the molasses mill, without animal or motor power for the grinder. Jake learned of her predicament, loaned himself to the task, and his enormous shoulders saved the widow her crop.

He has one daughter, whose education is his hobby. Since his prodigious strength began to bring results much of his savings have gone toward buying her tutelage in the best schools of the state. He declares that if he continues to be blessed with strong arms, parental love and persistent endeavor, he will yet leave his family a substantial patrimony as proof of what can be done with a five-acre farm.

### Peculiarities of the Eye

People of melancholic temperament rarely have clear blue eyes.

The chameleon is almost the only reptile provided with an eyelid.

Eyes with long, sharp corners indicate great discernment and penetration.

Unsteady eyes, rapidly jerking from side to side are frequently indicative of an unsettled mind.

It is said that the prevailing colors of eyes among patients of lunatic asylums are brown or black.

Eyes placed close together in the head are said to indicate pettiness of disposition, jealousy and a turn for fault-finding.

All men of genius are said to have eyes clear, slow moving and bright. This is the eye which indicates mental ability of some kind—it does not matter what.

### Wood Alcohol Dangerous

The dangers connected with the handling of wood alcohol and with working where even small quantities of the fumes of this liquid may be inhaled have been brought out prominently as the result of recent scientific investigations, which demonstrated that quantities of wood alcohol as small as 2 to 1 per cent in the inspired air may lead to the absorption of the product into the body to an injurious extent. With such quantities as this the absorption is slow, but eventually the body becomes "saturated" with it. The greatest danger in inhaling the fumes of wood alcohol is their effect on the optic nerve, which often results in total and incurable blindness.—Popular Mechanics.

### EAT SOUP WORTH \$7 A BOWL

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